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little behind. Leek lagged. Shamrock continued to gain. Kornblume was out of it. Leek second third place, with Thistle keeping a little behind. An easy win for Shamrock by 4 lengths. Race second; Thistle third. Time, 7 minutes 36-1/5 seconds.

FIN or BULL-KNEELED YACHTS.—Including all yachts classed as first, second, and one-design in the club races of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. Prizes, cups for 1st and 2nd boats. Handicap.

Those that started were:—
Vernon... Commodore C. G. Robinson, A.D.C. R.N. ... 1st.
Dione... H.E.P.H. May, C.M.G. ... 2nd.
Athena... Lieut. Col. L. F. Brown, R.E. ... 3rd.

Elaph... C. A. Tomes ... 4th.
La Cigale... E. M. Hazeland ... 5th.
Min... Capt. Crichton, R.A. ... 6th.
Erica... A. Hastings ... 7th.
Bonito... B. House ... 8th.
Ira... A. B. House ... 9th.
Gloria... Officers, R.A. ... 10th.
Chanticleer... Staff-surgeon F.W. ... 11th.
Parker, R.N. ... 12th.
Dorcas... Major Pratt, R.A. ... 13th.
Payne... Officers, R.E. ... 14th.
Mist... C. A. Tomes ... 15th.

Vernon came in first; Athena second; Dione third; Dione fourth. On time allowance Payne is the winner; Vernon second.

ALL ONES BOATS, ANY BIG (Chinese-owned boats excluded); keen allowed. Handicap. Aileen's pliance won this race. Several starters, but a very poor race; two-thirds of the boats, in fact, gave up. When the race finished it was quite dark.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.
All were pleased to see the Gorman win the Ladies' Prize for their good sportsmanship. As the winning crew came up on the poop they were warmly cheered.

Mr. Austin said he had much pleasure in introducing the winners of the Ladies' Prize. Miss Berkeley said it was a most splendid and exciting race.

Mr. Sieb-thames Miss Berkeley for presenting the prizes. The race, said he, was a particular one, it being got up by the ladies. He proposed three hearty cheers for Miss Berkeley and the ladies of Hongkong.

Three hearty cheers and a tiger having been given, a voice the lack proposed three cheers for the winners. Three good ones were given. The prizes were four handsomely chased English silver flower-bowls, with silver-gilt netting for arranging the flowers.

Mrs. May presented the prizes of other events. Major Chapman, in asking Mrs. May to do so, made a few remarks, saying how the second day, being the ladies' day, was the best of the Regatta. The events of the function had been closely contested; one over, in fact, ending by a win by only two feet. Captain Cowlishaw deserved the greatest thanks for so kindly lending his ship to the Regatta. The prizes were then presented, each recipient being cheered in turn. Commodore Robinson, who won the sailing race, not being present, Mrs. Robinson took his prize. Mr. F. D. Bain received the heartiest applause for winning a cup presented by the Hon. H. E. Pollock for the winner of the most races in the regatta of 1901, 1902, 1903. A handsome silver trophy was presented to Captain Bain for so kindly putting his ship at the disposal of the club.

The good skipper was lost in answering the call for a speech; he was cheered again and again. Last but not least was a presentation to Mr. F.W. White, late secretary of the Y.R.C. He has acted for three years as secretary; the token, a handsome inscribed watch, was a fitting token in recognition of Mr. White's inestimable services. Mr. White in responding spoke highly of the sterling qualities of Mr. Austin, his successor. The closing scene was presentation, by Mr. Chapman, of a beautiful bouquet, to Mrs. May. A thank-you was said they hoped her there again. Three cheers, in fact, were then given for Mrs. May, H. E. Pollock, Mr. Chapman, the Secretary, and the ladies. The band then struck up "God Save the King," and the company crowded into the Fane for conveyance ashore.

SUPREME COURT

Thursday, 17th December.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

A CHINESE BANKRUPT SENT TO PRISON.

MAN TSI applied for his discharge in bankruptcy. Mr. B. C. Shepherd, the Official Receiver, said there were no assets.

The bankrupt stated that he entered into partnership with three others as a building contractor, putting in \$2,300 as his share. On the first contract that they entered into there was a loss of \$700, and on the second \$400. He knew nothing about the building trade. After this the firm continued to trade, but did not take on any new work. He borrowed \$20,000 from Indian money-lenders to pay his debts. He did not tell them that he was in financial difficulties. When the loss was incurred in the business he did not know of it.

His Lordship—It was your duty to know about the business if you were a partner.

The bankrupt also stated that when he borrowed the money he was expecting payment of some commission from an European firm. He took a lease of certain property from Messrs. David & Co. at \$10,000 a year as a speculation.

His Lordship said that a man who had no money had no right to enter into a speculation of \$10,000 a year. He was satisfied not only from reading the report of the Official Receiver, but from reading the bankrupt's own statement made in Court at his public examination, that he was a careless and imprudent man. He had continued to trade after he knew he was insolvent, and certainly incurred debts without having at the time any reasonable or probable ground of expectation of being able to pay. Under the circumstances, his Lordship said, he would send the bankrupt to three months' imprisonment with hard labour.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

DIAPYRE ABOUT BUILDING A THEATRE.

The Yow Lee firm used Tsoi Tsung for \$305.7, being balance due for work done and material supplied in respect of the buildings on Marine Lot 185. Mr. E. J. Grist, solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. R. Harding, solicitor, for the defendant.

Mr. Grist stated that the defendant was a contractor and had contracted to build a theatre on this Lot. Plaintiffs were sub-contractors. Defendant had engaged the plaintiff to do certain work on this lot, and he had done it. He had been paid money from time to time, but there was this balance outstanding.

After hearing part of the evidence, his Lordship adjourned the case till to-day.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon in the Board Room. Hon. Mr. J. M. Atkinson, Principal Civil Medical Officer (President), presided, and there were also present Hon. W. Chalmers, Director of Public Works; Hon. A. W. Brown, Registrar-General; Mr. Fung Wa Chun; Colonel W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C.; Mr. E. A. Hewitt, Mr. A. R. Rumbold, Mr. W. W. Pearce, Acting Medical Officer of Health; Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant Medical Officer of Health; and Mr. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary).

THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM MR. CHAMBERLAIN WAS READ ON THE TABLE:—

"I have the honour to inform you that my attention has been drawn by the Sanitary Institute to the difficulty of making effective use of recent discoveries in tropical hygiene without the co-operation of the people most likely to benefit by them, and to the consequent desirability of spreading the elements of knowledge in such matters through schools in tropical colonies. Valuable work in this direction has already been done in the Colony of Lagos, and I enclose for your information extracts from a despatch addressed to me by Sir W. MacGregor describing the methods by which instruction in sanitation is given in that Colony. I shall be glad to learn whether any attempt is being made on similar lines in the Colony under your Government, or whether you consider that a short ten hours' school children can actually be given such instruction. It seems to me that a study of the most important tropical diseases might be made very attractive to children and that such teaching would be of practical utility in the future. If a demand for such lessons were to become apparent it would be possible to arrange for the preparation of suitable hand-books and primers on the subject."

The President said he might take it that the Board should reply heartily endorsing the scheme and stating that they would do all they could to further its objects.

THIS WAS AGREED TO.

CLASSING WORK.
Dr. Pearce reported that from 10th November till 12th December 12,391 floors had been classed under the supervision of the phlegm inspectors. No complaint had been made by any inspector of any serious opposition to the classing, and no complaint had been received from the people of any loss sustained or undue hardship inflicted in consequence of this work.

The President said he was glad to hear that the work was proceeding satisfactorily. Practically more than half the houses had now been classed.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun was glad to hear that the work was being carried out so satisfactorily by the Chinese.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK remarked that it was very gratifying to hear that the report gave great satisfaction, he was glad to hear that the result had justified the concession given to the Chinese. There was no doubt that a firm sympathy such as was being shown apparently by the M.O.H. and his assistants was a long way in pacifying the Chinese and inducing them to come forward and co-operate with the Board. He congratulated the Board's officer on the successful and satisfactory manner in which the work had been carried out.

THE PRESIDENT'S NOTICE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:—

1. How many notices requesting owners of houses to comply with the provisions of Sections 140 and 141 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903, in respect of fireplaces, chimneys or smoke-flues, have been served by the officers of the Board since the 1st day of November, 1903?

2. Under whose complaints the notices above referred to were issued; and before the issue of such notices, whether any verification had been made as to the correctness or otherwise of such complaints?

3. By whom the notices above referred to were made out, and by whom they were signed?

4. Under what authority or by whose instructions should the officers of the Board be concerned in the question of the preparation and issue of a certificate of fire-places, chimneys, or smoke-flues, such certificate being distinctly laid out in Sections 140 and 141 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, No. 1 of 1903, as wholly and solely concerning the Building Authority?

The President replied as follows:—
(1) There have been 17 notices issued under Section 140 and 207 notices issued under Section 141.

(2) The notices have been issued at the complaint of the district inspector, and it is the duty of the senior inspectors to verify the complaints of the district inspectors.

(3) The notices are made out in this department and signed by the Building Authority.

(4) The Building Authority.

There was submitted a letter from Mr. Fung Wa Chun stating that several notices referred to by Mr. Tucker on behalf of the Building Authority had been served on owners of property requiring them to provide fireplaces in certain kitchen buildings Ordinance, 1903, and also requiring them to provide every such fireplace with a proper chimney or smoke-flue. Mr. Fung Wa Chun stated that a platform on which were placed chimneys for cooking purposes, and over this platform a hood is erected for the conservation of smoke, which escapes through an opening in the smoke-flue, or chimney. It had been customary to treat this platform as a fireplace. The platform was to all intents and purposes a fireplace. If the notices served had been issued at the instigation of the Board, would venture to suggest that no action should be taken until this matter had been fully threshed out.

The D.P.W.—It is unfortunate that in the case of such a matter as this the inspectors do not take the trouble to enquire of the M.O.H. what is intended by the use of the word fireplace before proceeding to serve notices. The fact that practically all fireplaces are provided with the same shape of cooking hearth ought to be sufficient to cause them to enquire.

Chin Lyons.—Notice and summonses should be served through the Secretary.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak.—It has already been decided by the Board that under Section 143 no hood of sheet metal need be provided where the fireplace is not adapted for the use of charcoal. The fireplace in Chinese houses, as correctly explained by Mr. Fung Wa Chun is a platform on which chimneys are placed. In both cases the notices have been wrongly served. No subordinate officers of the Board should be allowed to interpret the law in their own way independently of the M.O.H. Complaints have been too often received that one inspector insists on certain things being carried and another something entirely different under the same Ordinance. In fact people do not know what is actually wanted. I think a great deal of annoyance and trouble

would be saved in future if no notices or summonses were issued without the knowledge or consent of the President or the Medical Officer of Health.

Hon. Mr. Pollock.—Instructions should be given to the inspectors in accordance with the recent decision arrived at by the Board.

Mr. Rumbold.—"I received on the 26th ult. four notices in respect of nine houses, three of which were unoccupied and locked. It is strange how the inspectors went into the locked houses, as the caretaker informs me that no one had been inside those houses. Am writing to the Secretary about the notices served on me."

Mr. Hewitt.—"It is very evident that the inspectors are not fit persons to interpret the meaning of the Ordinance, and they should not be permitted to issue notices such as are mentioned by Mr. Fung Wa Chun without reference to one of the senior officials of the Sanitary Board."

The President said that the senior inspectors had been instructed that these notices concerning fireplaces were to be withdrawn. It was on the 30th November that the matter was brought to their knowledge that these notices were being issued by one of the senior inspectors, Inspector Corbett. It was unfortunate that this mistake should have occurred. It showed the difficulty that might arise in dealing with a new Ordinance of this nature. Part 3 dealt more especially with the classing of houses and did not touch on the classing of any particular house. The inspectors had been obtained from home practically to deal with notices that arose in the Colony and they did not know what these Chinese platforms were—at least Inspector Corbett did not know—and in his opinion these platforms in many cases were not properly constructed. As soon as it came to the knowledge of the M.O.H. he explained that these platforms were used as fireplaces generally by the Chinese, and that these notices should be withdrawn. This had been done.

Mr. Rumbold stated that on the previous day he had seen notices dated the 10th inst.

The Vice-President said it was quite reasonable that such notices should be served if promises were looking in that respect. The explanation of the President referred to houses where they were fitted up in non-compliance with what had been hitherto allowed to be used. There was some excuse for an inspector going wrong in the matter of serving such notices. Mr. Rumbold said he was sorry that a lot of notices had been served for incomplete or defective construction of the fireplaces. There were a great many old houses here in which no fireplaces were provided at all.

Mr. Rumbold replied that the houses he referred to were built 10 years ago and belonged to the West Point Building Co.; they were all provided with chimneys or smoke-flues. He had had notices served upon him in respect of new houses which were not yet occupied.

Mr. LEWITT said he was satisfied to know that these notices had been withdrawn. The reply given by the Vice-President was like that given by the Board in the past. The Board should consider that their inspectors, by their own showing, were not qualified to interpret the Act. The Board had a very difficult task in helping the Government to carry out a most extensive and rigorous sanitary measure. Every point in consideration should be paid to.

Mr. Rumbold said that the Board, as owners and property owners, should do what they could to see that an undue friction arose and clearly if they got into difficulties or some obstacle, people out from home to go and inspect the law to maintain they were going to work on altogether wrong lines.

The Vice-President.—It is scarcely reasonable to make these remarks about the inspectors.

Mr. Hewitt (truly)—It is perfectly reasonable. Mr. Vice-President said, and I hope you will allow me to make remarks. We have had notices served on certain property owners which have been regulated by the President and I think I am absolutely right and that my remarks were perfectly right when I said that the interpretation of the duties of the Board should not be left to the discretion of people who are incompetent. I maintain I am perfectly right in saying that in the interests of the Colony at large no summons of this nature should be served unless it has been before one of the senior officers of the Board, and a semi-educated inspector on a small salary is not a properly qualified man to interpret the law.

The President.—I am afraid I must call you to order.

Mr. Hewitt.—I maintain they are not qualified to interpret an Act of Parliament.

Mr. Vice-President.—That is another matter. You are qualifying them.

Mr. Hewitt.—I beg your pardon. We do not get highly educated men as inspectors, and they should not be entrusted with the interpretation of a Bill which puzzles our best authorities, including the Attorney-General. The way in which this Board is working by putting these powers in the hands of the inspectors will lead us in difficulties. There have been notices served in the last few days.

The Vice-President contended that it was not a question of education but of form of words, and it seemed to him quite reasonable that one, however highly educated, might easily go astray in dealing with this matter.

Mr. Hewitt explained that when he used the term "semi-educated" he did not cast any reflection upon the education of the sanitary inspectors. What he did say was that from their own training they were not qualified to put a legal construction upon the Act.

EXTERNAL AIR.
Mr. A. Rumbold, writing as a member of the sub-committee appointed to consider what amendments should be made in the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and as a member of the Board, protested against the Government utilising the following reason for introducing the new definition of "external air" as embodied in the Bill:—

In order to give effect to the Board's recommendation a new definition of the expression "external air" is submitted to Council.

According to his reading of the recommendation of the sub-committee and subsequently of the Board in respect of the definition of "external air," the Board never recommended such a definition, it became law and was enforced would cause the habitation of many valuable buildings to be illegal without a reasonable compensation being paid to the owners thereof; and against the arbitrary and drastic measure he had already submitted many reasons.

Mr. Rumbold continued.—Although a provision is introduced at the end of the Bill by the amending Bill giving the Government the power to make such amendments as they may see fit, if any, as may be deemed expedient, applications for about 80 per cent. of the existing buildings have to be made for exemption. The condition to be imposed upon owners of property would be dependent upon the taste of the expert for the time being in power, and there is no selling how often a building has to be altered, coupled with the wishes of those who might be called upon from time to time for their opinion. This would be obstructed by the introduction of a consistent and comprehensive definition as that proposed by the Board. Do, our

legislators contend that, in the case of an existing four-storyed building, say 55 feet in height, a room having the required window, opening into a 15ft. open space in the rear or in front, can be maintained, but in the case of existing two-storyed buildings, say 30 feet in height, no room can be maintained if the open space is only ten feet? If so, and this is exactly what the new definition seeks to legislate, I venture to refer them to Part V. of the London Building Acts, 1894-98, wherein the open spaces about buildings are not so inconsistently regulated.

To comply with the provisions of the proposed definition of external air it would be necessary in the case of refusal of modification by the Governor in Council to take down and rebuild the front wall of hundreds of existing buildings, and to reconstruct a great many of them. The introduction of such a definition of external air is undoubtedly due to negligence of the Government for placing the laying out of the city in the hands of officials devoid of sanitary experience and training. For this neglect owners of property are now made to suffer the equivalent compensation for their loss in land, and so on.

Mr. Lau Che Pak continued.—It is no doubt strange that the public should have been misled to believe that it was on the recommendation of the Sanitary Board that the definition of external air has been modified to what it now reads. I distinctly recollect that when the report of the sub-committee was submitted to the Board for adoption the majority of its members agreed that any unobstructed open space, 8 feet wide in front, 12 feet wide on the sides, and 13 feet wide in the rear of existing buildings, should be reckoned as external air in front. I distinctly recollect that the only member who insisted on providing 13 feet in front. I distinctly recollect that the new definition worded to what it now stands before the Legislative Council. The question of 13 feet had been thoroughly and carefully threshed out at the many sittings of the sub-committee, and found to be excessive and drastic. If it were to be strictly enforced more than a hundred of these tenement houses fronting on lanes under 10 feet in width would be condemned for non-compliance with the new definition of external air. I heartily join Mr. Rumbold in his protest. It is all very well for members to be reminded that, serving on the Sanitary Board, they are looked upon as advisers to the Government, only on things sanitary, and not on matters otherwise. But in legislating for sanitation, as for other objects, I presume I am correct in saying that the same principles of justice and fairness must not be lost sight of. The existing insanitary buildings, as it is only too true, were erected with the approval of the Government, and its advisers, our predecessors. It is certainly unfair and unreasonable to make the owners suffer for the sanitary defects that are being, or may be, remedied. I may at the same time point out that in most cases short of total reconstruction no actual improvement as regards the condition of the Colony can be effected. Apart from the gross injustice it is not politic to try by drastic and extreme measures to vex people into giving up their lands without compensation. For the past dozen years, at the instance of the Sanitary Board, vast sums of public money which might have been more usefully employed in raising standards of sanitary propriety have been squandered and spent without any practical result. For the public good the Government should not be so chary of paying compensation.

Mr. Fung Wa Chun continued.—I distinctly remember that the recommendation of the Board with regard to the definition of external air is quite different from that proposed by the amending Bill. The new definition practically the same as the existing one. The Board has never endorsed the bill in narrow lanes as far as the definition of external air is concerned. If the proposed new definition made law hundreds of houses have to be taken back and re-constructed. It has been repeatedly said that sanitation is an unknown quantity amongst the Chinese. The buildings in narrow lanes have been erected with the consent of the Government, according to the sanitary principles of the time; the plans of the insanitary Chinese houses now in existence were prepared and passed by these well-versed in sanitation. It is, therefore, not that these buildings are now found to be insanitary it is not the fault of the owners. It is most unfair to make the Chinese owners to blame. In England compensation is paid in all such cases, and it is but just and fair that in a British Colony that justice and fair play should be copied from the Mother Country.

The President remarked that the determination came to by the Government on this matter did not agree with the recommendations made by the Board on the subject. The matter had been practically settled, as he thought they need not make any further action, clear that Mr. Hewitt's motion was a statement on behalf of the President showing where the difference between them and the Government lay. It was only right that the public should know the position the Board took up.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION.
An application was submitted for exemption from the provision of open spaces in respect of Nos. 17 to 23, Macdonald Road, Yau-mai.

Mr. Rumbold maintained.—The corner house, No. 17, has a side street 39 feet wide, and is a two-storyed house. The owner has been similarly situated to Dr. Clark many years, having a back lane of 14 feet have been exempted, and on the recommendation of Dr. Pearce many houses in Queen's Road West having a public street, also about 14 feet in width, in their rear, but on which other front, have also been exempted, by dividing up the kitchens as suggested by the applicants. Doctors as a rule disagree, but the Board ought to be consistent in its actions.

The application was refused; it was stated that a new application would be made in respect of No. 17.

AN OBSTRUCTION.
There was laid on the table an application for the renewal of a fruit licence in respect of No. 237, Queen's Road West.

The M.O.H. intimated that the tenant of the stall was really turning the pavement into a shop.

Hon. Mr. Pollock.—"It would appear from the M.O.H.'s minute that this man is obstructing a busy thoroughfare, which should not be allowed."

Mr. A. Hewitt.—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

Application refused.

ANALYSIS OF WELL WATER.
Mr. Frank Brown, Government Analyst, reported that he had analysed two samples of water from a well on vacant ground in the rear of K.L.L. 1002 and a well at Man Lam garden.

He was of opinion that the water was so tainted with impurities as to be unfit for potable purposes and likely to prove injurious to health.

The Registrar-General.—Before deciding whether these wells should be closed there should be fuller information before the Board as to their position and whether the water is

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Hon. H. E. Pollock.—"These wells should be closed at once."

Mr. A. Rumbold.—"Close."

Mr. E. A. Hewitt.—"Certainly; close at once."

It was agreed to close the wells.

This was all the important public business.

Next RETURN.

It was reported that during the fortnight ended 14th Dec. over 916 rats had been destroyed. Of these, 9 were found to be infected with plague.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Criminal Sessions begin to-day. We understand that the case against Police-Sergeant Lee in connection with the fatal shooting of Mr. McGregor in the New Territory will not be proceeded with. The Wild Dill murder trial is among the cases down for disposal; also a charge of manslaughter against a Japanese.

The list is as follows:—

Li Tai, defalcation of a girl under 16.

James Frederick Lee. (No indictment filed.)

Tsui Lin, Lo Cheong, Fung Lin, alias Chan Liu, armed robbery, and Lo Kyn Tai, receiving stolen goods.

Tsang Tim Kwai and Tsang Shang, murder.

Chu Kin, suffering an unmarried girl above 12 years and under 16 on her premises to be carnally known.

Lam Hing. (No indictment.)

Tsui Lin and Lo Cheong. (No indictment.)

Aizo Shamiza. (No indictment.)

Tesuko Pabai, manslaughter.

WEDDING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Harry Wright, steward of the Shanghai Club, was joined in the bonds of holy wedlock with Miss Mary Annie Smith, who arrived from home on Wednesday. The Rev. F. T. Johnson, chaplain of the Cathedral, officiated.

The bride, who was tastefully gowned in the orthodox white with orange blossoms, was given away by Mr. Moore, and was attended by little Miss Kitty Moore, daintily dressed in white silk, as bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. H. Jewell, of the R. & O. S. N. Co. After the ceremony, amid showers of rice, a move was made to Pelham House, where wine and cake were partaken of and the health of the happy pair drunk in bumpers. Mr. and Mrs. Wright leave for Shanghai to-morrow.

SHIPPING NOTES.

ARRIVALS.
The German s.s. *Borneo*, Capt. E. Muhle left Sandakan December 11th with a full cargo of timber and general, and arrived at after calling at Saubanga, Hongkong December 17th, 1903. In the sun sea met moderate E and S.E. winds, heavy squalls from N.W.W. In the China sea at the beginning gentle breeze, fair weather; nearer the coast fresh wind and rough sea from E.N.E.

DEPARTURES.
It is now definitely announced that the North German Lloyd Steamship Company has purchased eight steamers from the Rickmers Line Mills and Shipbuilding Company, two of which are still on the stocks, while the remainder are engaged in the China sea coasting trade. The names of the vessels already available are: *Andrie Rickmers*, *Madeleine Rickmers*, *E. F. Rickmers*, *Ellen Rickmers*, *Maria Rickmers*, and *Dorothea Rickmers*. These vessels have all been built in recent years, and their construction is especially adapted for the conveyance of Chinese passengers and Eastern cargo. They are of about 2,500 tons burden.

The N.D.L. has hitherto made no profit out of its contract with the German Government. During the first years the losses were extremely heavy; in 1895, too, there was a loss of m.300,000 (£5,000); in 1896, however, there was a profit of m.85,000 (£2,500); in 1897 an increased profit of m.600,000 (£20,000); in 1898 a profit of m.1,400,000 (£47,000). From April 1, 1899, the service was extended to the China route in conjunction with the Hamburg Line, and the profits rose to m. 400,000 (£10,000). But from 1900 onwards a period of deficits was recorded. In spite of the China expedition. In 1900 there was a loss of m.27,000 (£1,350); in 1901 a loss of m.438,000 (£24,400); in 1902 a loss of m.1,200,000 (£50,000). These losses are uniformly attributed to the heavy services which have to be rendered by the steamship companies to the State in return for the advantages of fixed routes and calling at particular ports, great speed, the carriage of mails, and the prohibition of agricultural produce as a cargo for the return journey.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.
The Glen Line steamer *Glenloch* left Singapore on the 16th inst., and may be expected here on the 22nd inst.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Kaga Maru* (American flag) left Shanghai for this port on the 17th inst. and is expected here on the 20th inst.

The B.N. Line steamer *Bentley* left Singapore on the 16th inst. for this port, and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Macaron* left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst., at 8 a.m.

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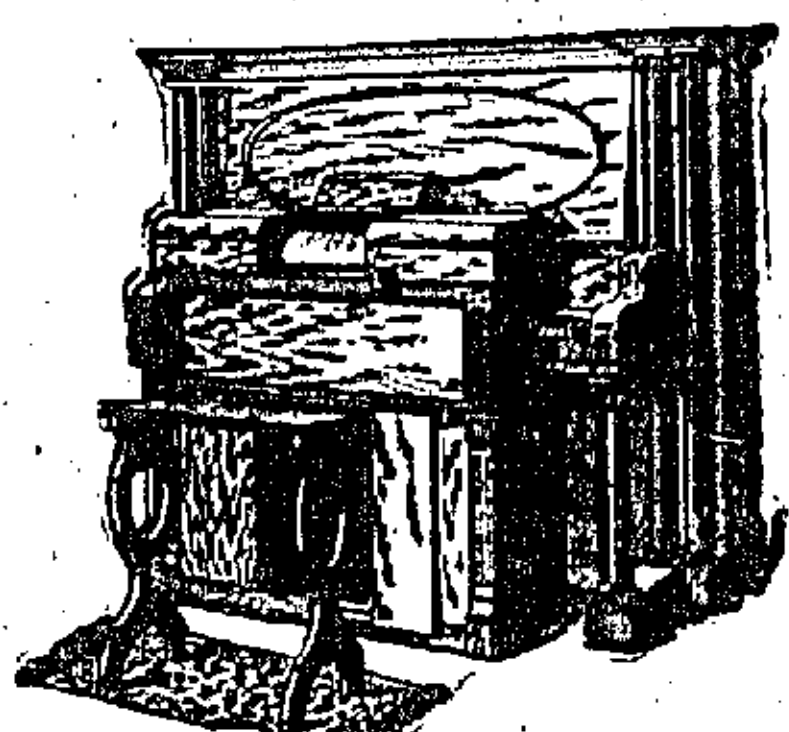
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FOOCHOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

FOOCHOW, 18th December.
WINTER RACE MEETING.

The results of all the races should have already reached your columns, as they were forwarded by the *s.s. Haitan*, which closed on the last day of the races. The meeting has on the whole been a successful one. Bright sunshine favoured us throughout, and there were some most exciting finishes; whilst the defeat of *Conan* in the Champions, for which he was so unanimously and easily favourite, formed a most exciting climax. The griffin was perhaps disappointing, and Mr. Reynolds's Shanghai pony *Frolic* through going lame after the Fochow Stakes took a very good place-pony chance, if not winner, from the Champions. It was the most widely expressed opinion of the meeting that the weak feature of the races was the lack of jockeys, and it must be confessed, the very indifferent riding of those jockeys who were good enough after all to help us out of the rather hopeless position of having only one real local rider. It is inadvisable to pass further comments perhaps, but this year our friends did not seem in form, and in some instances showed an absolute lack of control over their mounts. May they have better luck next year, and may we have a few more of them! Shanghai was most generous, but we had not a single jockey from Hongkong, and no visitors either from such a large sporting community. Among "mere" visitors we noticed Mr. and Mrs. Willis from Swatow, and Messrs. Marshall, Thomas, and Hempel from Amoy. Visitors who might have come by *s.s. Haitan* would have seen every race of the meeting. The Race Ball was held at the Club last night and was a great success. We had the Viceroy's Band, a very useful and too capably criticised institution. Mr. G. Ballech lent his Apollo, which was attached to a piano kindly lent by a lady resident, and a second one lent by Mr. C. B. Rickett was also requisitioned. Mr. G. Siemssen's Race tiffin takes place to-morrow at Kulaug, and will doubtless prove as usual a most delightful treat to the meeting.

PORT ARTHUR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Port Arthur, 6th December.
UNREST IN CHINA.
The recent slight display of anti-Russian activity on the part of China is exciting some anxiety here, the reports that have come to hand lately of the movements of the Chinese troops in the south of Manchuria being of a nature to cause alarm. These rumours have not yet been fully confirmed, but on the other hand, it is a fact that the Russian Military Club at Harbin was burnt to the ground on the night of the 1st December.

MORE TROUBLE IN CHEMULPO.
Another fracas seems to have occurred in Chemulpo, and two Russian warships have been despatched from Port Arthur to that port. No news as to the nature of the affair has as yet leaked out. The Russians feel very sore about the last row in Chemulpo, of which a presumably impartial authority, a German, gives the following account. Some Japanese establishment was celebrating its opening day, and when some Russian liberty men happened to stroll into the vicinity they were invited to partake of the cup that cheers and also inebriates. After partaking, one of them got up and tried to buy some cigarettes at a stall in the premises, but, owing to the stall-keeper not understanding his gestures, he received instead of cigarettes a blow across the face with a bag said to contain stones. Thus the row began.

The Japanese police and population are alleged to have done their best to make short work of the Russian sailors, who were very much inferior in number to their opponents, and a steam-launch belonging to the Shosen Yusen Kaisha is alleged to have made a determined attempt to run down the Russian boat, which was the only means of escape the Russians had. An Englishman is alleged to have pointed a loaded gun at the Russians while the row was going on. A Japanese officer seized the gun, but on the owner informing him that he wanted to shoot, not the Japanese, as the officer seemed to imagine, but their opponents, and this because his wife was, he said, a Japanese, the officer allowed him to do as he pleased. Some other Englishmen came along, however, and prevented him from firing. What truth there is in this yarn I cannot of course say. I have seen the story in manuscript. That is all I know about it.

HOUSE-SEARCHING.
Judging from the facts before me, I should say that the Japanese who insisted on searching Russian houses for two very drunken Russian sailors who had been left behind (but whose friends managed to get them off in a boat from another part of the shore) committed an indiscretion that might have had very serious consequences. In the first place the men might possibly have been murdered if they had been discovered, and in the second place blood might have been spilt if the Russians had resisted. Luckily the Russian Consulate was closed owing to the absence of the Consul in Seoul, and the manager of the local branch of the Chinese Eastern Railway made no objection to his premises being searched; in fact he courteously showed his unwelcome guests over the whole establishment, which was thoroughly ransacked, to the terror of the agent's wife and children. Admiral Alexoff is said to have censured the captain of the Russian gunboat which was lying off Chemulpo at the time for not landing armed men to protect the houses of the Russian residents from being thus violated, and the captain ought of course to have done so,

although trouble would almost certainly have ensued if he had.

S. ANDREW'S DAY.

S. Andrew's Day, 1903, was celebrated in Port Arthur in a manner that history should not perhaps overlook. There were five persons present, one of them a Scotsman (Mr. Gilchrist, engineer with Messrs. Sawaroff and Co.).

THE VICEROY'S TOUR.

The Viceroy is expected to leave here within a few days and to return in two months, by which time the Manchurian question will in all probability be settled peacefully, if a rupture has not occurred. If a rupture does then occur it will be in spring, just about the right time from Japan's point of view, for of course a struggle in the winter months would be a most disagreeable affair.

THE WEATHER.

Last Sunday I stood for the first time this year on ice which was "bending," and from this the reader may judge of the temperature here. It is bitterly cold, especially at night, when a biting wind blows from the north-east, but there is not much snow. New troops seem to be continually coming in, and a few days ago a large body of sailors arrived. They will find splendid quarters provided for them in the new Naval Barracks, buildings which compare favourably with anything of the same kind in all Asia.

A VISITOR FROM INDIA.

Sir D. Mackenzie Wallace, author of many books upon Russia and a master of the Russian tongue, was in Manchuria some time back investigating matters there. He is now Secretary to Lord Curzon, and it is not improbable that the Viceroy of India was curious to know what the Viceroy of the Far East is doing. It is not impossible that the British advance in Tibet is taken at this juncture in view of Russia's difficulties in Manchuria and as a reward for England's neutrality. English papers may deny that England is neutral in this Manchuria affair, but the *North Kent* describes England's position as one of correct neutrality and seems gratified in consequence.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held in the Chamber Room, City Hall, on Tuesday, 1st December, 1903, at 3.45 p.m., Present:—Mr. E. A. Hewett (Chairman), Mr. D. R. Law (Vice-Chairman), Messrs C. Michelson, N. A. Sibley, J. E. M. Smith, R. C. Wilcox, A. G. Wood, and A. R. Lowe (Secretary).

MINUTE.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 17th ult. were read and confirmed.

MEMBERSHIP.

It was decided to allow the transfer of membership of Messrs. Hoag & Jacob & Co. to the Holland China Trade Co.

EXPLOSIVES ON BOARD STEAMERS.

IN THE HARBOUR.
The following letter was read:—
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong, 30th November.

SIR,—I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your predecessor's letter of the 24th ult. intimating that His Excellency Sir Henry Blake was unable to agree to the alteration in the law contemplated. I in my letter of the 19th ultimo, or to appreciate the hardship involved in the flying of the red flag. Mention is also made that in nine cases out of ten the Harbour Master's permission is obtained prior to the entry of the ships into the harbour.

It happens, however, that the exception is in most instances a mail steamer which it is of the utmost importance not to unnecessarily delay in the ports en route. These mail ships invariably carry their own mails, and their agents are thus unable to file particulars of any dangerous goods which may be on board in advance of the arrival of the vessel. In order to conform with the present harbour regulations it is obligatory for such ship to fly the red flag and to remain in the Dangerous Goods Anchorage (which is for obvious reasons situated in an out-of-the-way part of the harbour) for some hours to enable the necessary permission to be obtained from the Harbour Master to move alongside the wharf or to her moorings amongst the general shipping. Detention of this nature may not infrequently occur where the only ammunition on board is a case of safety cartridges, which my committee think the Government can hardly consider sufficient reason to justify delaying any vessel. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will, my committee trust, readily understand that the existing regulation presses very hardly on an expensive class of ship simply because it happens to be carrying ammunition on board in small quantities, which in the Treaty Ports of China are not deemed

dangerous. My committee merely ask that similar facilities in this respect may be granted here to those existing in the Chinese Treaty Ports.

The Committee of the Chamber are well aware that the alteration in the harbour regulations now sought is not of great importance but rather one of convenience to the shipping interest, and their object in endeavouring to obtain His Excellency's consent to their request is to secure the removal of a petty annoyance, and to have reinstated that freedom from vexatious restrictions which has tended towards the development of the port.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Sd.) A. E. Lowe, Secretary.
Hon. A. M. Thomson,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman said a reply would doubtless be received from the Government in due course.

LICENSING OF PILOTS.
The recent presentation of the master of the *s.s. Typanos* for negligent seamanship in running over the wreck of the *Paksha* was discussed, and it was decided to bring the case to the notice of the Government as a proof of necessity for the pilots to be brought under similar control to that exercised in other large ports.

PLAGUE-STRIKEN HONGKONG.
The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to an extract from the Canadian Press published in the *China Mail* of the 28th November. He said alarmist matter of this kind would not improve the reputation of the port in the eyes of merchants abroad, and suggested that if the Secretary could find out the name of the local correspondent who was responsible for the misleading news, it would be well to impress him with the advisability of disavowing similar methods in future.

INSURANCES.

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES OF INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & CO.,
Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.
Hongkong, 17th August, 1887. 125

THE STATE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LIVERPOOL.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1903. 12185

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

FIRE and LIFE.
ESTABLISHED 1836.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept 1. First Class Foreign and Chinese RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates. Also to accept proposals for LIFE ASSURANCE. Prospectuses on application.
TURNER & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. 12773

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1902, £15,378,771.
I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 687,500 0 0
IL. FIRE FUNDS, 2,907,215 15 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1903. 11889

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.
HOL AND CHINA TRADING CO.,
Hongkong, 23th November, 1903. 12180

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÜCKELMANN & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. 1112

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.

INCORPORATED 1851.
Cash Security, £25,719
Total Losses Paid, £23,769,240

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO.,
Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. 1494

NOTICE OF F.R.M.

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MANAGERS of the HONGKONG BREWERY COMPANY, LIMITED, desire it to be made known that Baron Wilhelm von Saxe-Meiningen is in no way connected either directly or indirectly nor has he ever been with the above-named Company.

Dated 12th December, 1903.
HONGKONG BREWERY CO., LD.,
P. LEMAITRE & CO.,
Managers.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. 13433

FOR SALE, VERY CHEAP.
"STONYHURST" MAGAZINE GAP.
Area about 30,000 Square feet.
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AHMET RUMJAHN,
62, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1903. 13391

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BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED. 143

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COAL MERCHANTS.

No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Facing Duddell Street).

HEAD OFFICE: No. 5, SAKAIMACHI, KORE.

BRANCH OFFICES:—HIGASHI-HOMMACHI, MOJI, MINAMI-AJIKAWA, OSAKA AND KAIGAN, WAKAMATSU.

AGENCY MR. S. NAKAYAMA, MOTOMACHI YOKOHAMA.

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1903.

K. UYEMURA, Manager.

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JAPAN COALS.

mitsui BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & CO.)

HEAD OFFICE:—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.
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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong.

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Purely Vegetable and Untouched by Hand.

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J. W. KEW,
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1st Floor, 37, Connaught Road,
Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. 13435

QUAN WAH & CO.,
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Dealers in
MARBLE and GRANITE MONUMENTS.

No. 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.
Estimates, Designs & Prices on Application.
All descriptions of Granite for Export.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1903. 1204

YING KEE,
REFRESHMENT CONTRACTOR and CATERER.

Call Suppers, Dance Suppers, Picnics, Luncheons, and At Homes Catered for.
Cutlery, Crockery, and Table Linen on hire.
For Terms, apply to—YING KEE,
(First Floor) 50, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. 13434

CHEONG SHING GENERAL EXPORTERS.

DEALERS IN
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PRECIOUS STONES, SILK, IVORY
WARES, EMBROIDERIES AND
PONGEE SILK.

Wholesale and Retail. Prices very moderate.
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Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. 13170

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Absolutely Smokeless and Water-resisting.
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Hongkong, 3rd July, 1902.

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Don't trifle with unknown
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

FROM	STEAMERS	ON
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 29th December.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNEY"	On 29th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	ON
LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 18th December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PROMETHEUS"	On 22nd December.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DARDANUS"	On 5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTZE"	On 19th January.
LIVERPOOL	"DIOMEDE"	On 22nd January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	ON
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TYDEUS"	On 1st January.
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For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	ON
SHANGHAI	"KASHING"	On 19th December.
CEBU AND ILOILO	"KWEIYANG"	On 22nd December.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	On 30th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	On 30th December.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—
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Hongkong, 18th December, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES, BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	TUESDAY, 22nd December.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 27th December.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"T. GOAT"	TUESDAY, 22nd December.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU"	TUESDAY, 22nd December.
	"ANPING MARU"	SATURDAY, 26th December.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

By the Co.'s steamers for Shanghai, through Bills of Lading are issued for Cargo to Yangtze River Ports, as well as for North China Ports, in connection with the Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamers from Shanghai.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903.

T. ARIMA, Manager

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
LONDON, &c.	"BALLAARAT"	Noon, 19th December	See Special Advertisement.
	C. R. Longden	December	
SHANGHAI	"COROMANDEL"	About 19th December	Freight and Passage.
	G. M. Montford, R.N.R.	December	
LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MALTA	"MANILA"	About 24th December	Freight and Passage.
	H. G. H. Lowell, R.N.R.	December	

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903.

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Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship	Captain	Tons	Sailing Date.
"BOHILLA MARU"	Ernest Bent	3869	Tuesday, 22nd December, at 11 A.M.
"ROSETTA MARU"	H. S. Smith	3876	Saturday, 26th December, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Lee Hock Street.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903.

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BETWEEN HONGKONG AND
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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 23rd December, 1903,
at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship
"SALAZIE," Captain Negro, with Mail,
Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this
Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call,
WITHOUT TRANSSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London
as well as for Marcellus, and accepted in
transit through Marcellus for the principal
places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon
only on Monday, the 23rd December. Specie and
Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day.
No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.
Parcels are not to be sent on board; they
must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents
and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Com-
pany's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1903.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI."

Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week
days, at 7.30 A.M., on Excursion
Sundays, at 8.30 A.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin
and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.

On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class
Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on
board or at Macao Hotel \$5. On Sundays \$5
board or at Macao Hotel \$5. Cabin which has
extra will be charged for each Cabin which has
accommodation for two or more Passengers.

Wharf at the Western end of Wing Lok
Street.

The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every
Sunday, and takes only 34 hours to reach Macao.

MLNG ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong 8th September, 1903.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANT-
WERP, LONDON, PORT SAID,
COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAKATA MARU"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed and placed at their risk
in the Hongkong Godown at Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where
each consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless in-
structions are given to the contrary before
4 P.M., TO-DAY, 18th inst.

Goods not cleared before the 23rd inst. will
be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in
the Godowns and notice of claims sent to this
Office before the 26th inst., or claims in con-
nection therewith will not be recognised.

This steamer brings on cargo from Marcellus
ex s.s. "Warrickshire," transhipped at Port Said.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(Florida and Rabatino United Companies.)

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CAPRI"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery
may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be
taken delivery of immediately.

All damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the
Godown Company, within seven days after the
vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will
be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the
16th instant, will be subject to rent.

CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1903.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TACOMA,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, AND KOBE.

CARGO on the above Steamship having arrived,
per "Victoria," Consignees of Cargo
are hereby requested to send in their Bills of
Lading for countersignature and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA,"
FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKO-
HAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamship having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature
and to take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903.

STEAMSHIP "ANNAM."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s.
"Bagdad," Sinaï and Medoa, in connection with
above Steamer, are hereby informed that their
Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure
and Valuables, are being landed and stored at
their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before Noon, TO-DAY, the 16th inst., requesting
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed
after Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Noon, will
be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on
Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903.

FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"WURZBURG."

Captain von Binzer, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY, the 16th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1903.

STEAMSHIP "ANNAM."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s.
"Bagdad," Sinaï and Medoa, in connection with
above Steamer, are hereby informed that their
Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure
and Valuables, are being landed and stored at
their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before Noon, TO-DAY, the 16th inst., requesting
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed
after Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Noon, will
be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on
Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903.

FROM HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE N.D.L. Steamship

"WURZBURG."

Captain von Binzer, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY, the 16th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 22nd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1903.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES, per Company's Steamer

"YANGTZE"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being
discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both
cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo
will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown
on and after the 15th instant.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined at 11 A.M., on the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 22nd inst. will
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the undersigned on or before the
29th inst., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1903.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"AMBRIA."

Captain Dackstein, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,
TO-DAY, the 12th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 19th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 19th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M., of the
17th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk
and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE
and PENANG are requested to take IM-
MEDIATE delivery of their Goods from
alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge
of the Vessel will be landed and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1903.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFTS.

